

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

4 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Documents Division, OCR

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT

: Release of NIE 11-5-59, "Soviet Capabilities in Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles," to National Aeronautics and Space Agency

1. The United States Intelligence Board has authorized the release of NIE 11-5-59 to the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA).

2. In this instance we suggest that the copy of this estimate (including the Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-5-59, dated 19 January 1960) be transmitted to NASA through OSI, which originally requested the release and has established liaison channels with NASA. Accordingly, we request that the paper be sent to [REDACTED] 145 Barton Hall, for transmission to that agency.

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3. It will be appreciated if you will notify this office of the date the action is completed.

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Executive Secretary

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cc: [REDACTED], OSI

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**Release of NIE 11-5-59 to NASA**

1. On 20 November 1958, in response to an expression of interest by the National Aeronautic Space Agency (NASA), the Board of National Estimates (a) recommended the release to NASA of 10 estimates which were related to NASA's mission, and (b) announced its intention of recommending additional releases to NASA from time to time. The Intelligence Board on 25 November agreed to the release of the 10 estimates plus NIE 11-5-57 to NASA.

2. Similarly, the Intelligence Board on 24 March 1959, in response to the recommendations of the Board of National Estimates, agreed to the release of SMIE 100-3-59, "Threats to the Stability of U. S. Military Facilities in the Caribbean and Brazil," to NASA.

3. In view of NASA's continuing interest in the NIE 11-5 series, OSI has suggested and the Board of National Estimates now recommends that NIE 11-5-59 and its Special Annex A be released to NASA.